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Mr. Tim Thennis, Disaster Recovery Manager Montana Department of Military Affairs Post Office Box 4789 Fort Harrison, Montana 59636-4789

Dear Mr. Thennis -

Thank you for the opportunity to meet with you on November 2nd. Pursuant to our discussion, please consider this our formal request to continue the Disaster & Emergency Services appropriation for the Kootenai Creek Bridge Replacement Project for an additional six months. As we discussed, we found through the process of project development and analysis that additional hydrologic design was required to appropriately protect the replacement structure and to preserve the integrity of Kootenai Creek. The regulatory permitting process also required additional time and vendors found it not possible to fabricate the replacement bridge, a modular steel structure, in sufficient time for installation this autumn.

We very much appreciate your consideration of this request and your continued assistance with this important project. Should I be of any further assistance or should additional information be necessary please do not hesitate to contact me.

Thank you for your consideration.

Yours respectfully -

David H. Ohnstad, County Road Supervisor

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